



Appeals and State Hearings Newsletter

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GREAT NEWS!!!

The Appeals Hearing Specialist eligible list was promulgated on 06/24/03. ASH is conducting interviews and has already begun to fill some of its vacancies. Congratulations to the AHS candidates!!!

Reading a State Hearing Decision



A decision is a legal document which affects the legal rights of the hearing parties. Let's start with the cover page which has important information. It includes the appropriate department (CDSS), hearing number, claimant's name and address, type of decision (final, proposed or Director's alternate), adopt date stamp, judge's name & signature, type of decision (a hearing, rehearing, or ADH), agency name (LA County), County representative's name, hearing date, aid pending status, issue code, release date and instructions on pursuing a rehearing or a judicial review. Stay tuned for the next issue covering the "body" of the decision....



Farewell

Best wishes and happy retirement to Frances Wilson, an Appeals Hearing Specialist, retiring after 26 years of County service. She spent the last 12 years at ASH and she'll be missed!!!



Case Correction Memos (PA 411) sent by ASH to district offices now identify potential Food Stamp errors. If the issue involves Food Stamps, a notation on the upper right hand corner of the PA 411 alerts districts that the case in question may have a potential Food Stamp error!



In June 2003, there were 189 PA 411's with FS alert notations. Remember that a corrected case means one less error case!!!

Dear ASHLEY

Dear "ASHley":

I am an Eligibility Worker and I have been assigned a case that contains errors. The fair hearing worker in my district has requested the case because the participant has filed for a hearing. Can the fair hearing worker or I correct the errors on the case before it is picked up by ASH staff?

Signed: "Confused"



Dear "Confused":

Yes, you can do it. Please correct all known errors as soon as possible. The Appeals Hearing Specialist needs the case to prepare for a possible hearing but when you know there are errors, they should be corrected quickly. It is not necessary to wait for the Appeals Hearing Specialist to tell your district that there are errors or what must be done to correct those errors. You can do it yourselves and the claimant will be better and more quickly served!

Dear "ASHley":

A case assigned to me went to a state hearing and now a judge has written a "stipulated" decision. What is a "stipulated" decision?

Signed: "Unknowing"



Dear "Unknowing":

A stipulated decision is one in which the Appeals Hearing Specialist "stipulated" or agreed to take specific actions on a case. The stipulations, or agreements, are set out in writing in the decision as offered by the County and accepted by the claimant (the applicant or recipient of aid). Stipulations made in a hearing are **binding** on the County. The County **must** comply. "Stipulated" decisions are different than most decisions because there is no argument put forth by the Appeals Hearing Specialist. Why? Because the county action or inaction was not correct or supportable. The Appeals Hearing Specialist is telling the claimant and the Administrative Law Judge that the county erred, how it erred, and what the county will do to correct the error(s) made.

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